FBI to Release Data on Slain Rights Figure

DETROIT (AP) — FBI Director William Webster agreed yesterday to release 1,530 pages of documents to survivors of a civil rights worker slain in 1965, Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., said. An FBI informant, Gary Rowe, has been charged with the slaying.

Rowe was indicted by a grand jury this year on murder charges in the shooting death of Viola Liuzzo.

Detroit relatives of Liuzzo, killed in Alabama, had sought the documents to support their claim that the FBI is responsible for her murder. The FBI initially said no records could be found, according to Michigan ACLU Executive Director Howard Simon.

Four Ku Klux Klan members, including Rowe, were arrested soon after the slaying. Rowe was not charged after being identified as an FBI informant.